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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN DEPT'S REFTEL ARE NUMBERED BELOW IN SAME ORDER AS REFERENCE:

ITEM  $\,2$  - EXCEPT FOR TWO NURSERY STUDENTS INCLUDED INADVERTENTLY, THE CORRECTED TOTAL OF 61 CHILDREN OF USG EMPLOYEES ENROLLED AT ASIJ ENTITLED TO EDUCATION ALLOWANCE.

ITEM 3 - THE FIGURES SUBMITTED FOR 1973-74 REPORT IN JUNE WERE CORRECT AS REPORTED AT THAT TIME. FIGURES INCLUDED IN TOKYO REFTEL REFLECTED ENROLLMENT IN OCTOBER OF ALL USG CIVILIAN DEPENDENTS AS WELL AS DEPENDENTS OF DOD CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO EMBASSY. BELOW ARE LISTED ENROLLMENT FIGURES BY AGENCY AND SCHOOL AS WELL AS PERCENTAGES (EXCLUDING YOKOHAMA) OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT WHICH IS SHOWN IN PARENTHESIS AFTER EACH TOTAL FIGURE:

ASIJ (COED) GRADES K-8 GRADES 9-12

 STATE
 7
 9

 USIA
 1
 4

 FAS
 0
 1

 JUSTICE (DEA)
 0
 1

 LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
 2
 1

 TREASURY
 5
 2

OTHER CIV/DOD ELEMENTS 15 13

TOTAL ASIJ 30 (27 PERCENT) 31 (62 PERCENT)

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SACRED HEART (GIRLS)

STATE 8 4 FAS 1 0

OTHER CIV/DOD ELEMENTS 3 1

TOTAL SACRED 12 (11PERCENT) 5 (10 PERCENT)

NISHIMACHI (COED) (NO GRADE ABOVE 9TH)

 $\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{STATE} & & 12 & 0 \\ \text{USIA} & & 11 & 0 \\ \text{FAS} & & 4 & 0 \\ \text{TREASURY} & & 5 & 1 \end{array}$ 

OTHER CIV/DOD ELEMENTS 7 1

TOTAL NISHIMACHI 39 (36PERCENT 2 (4PERCENT)

ST. MARY'S (BOYS)

STATE 11 3
TREASURY 0 1

OTHER CIV/DOD ELEMENTS 6 3

TOTAL ST. MARY'S 17 (15PERCENT) 7(14PERCENT)

SEISEN (GIRLS)

 $\begin{array}{cccc} \text{STATE} & 2 & 0 \\ \text{TREASURY} & 3 & 0 \end{array}$ 

OTHER CIV/DOD ELEMENTS 6 4

TOTAL SEISEN 11 (11PERCENT) 4 (8PERCENT)

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (COED)

OTHER CIV/DOD ELEMENTS 0 1

TOTAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 0 (0 PERCENT) 1 (2 PERCENT) GRAND TOTAL ENROLLMENT 109 (100 PERCENT) 50 (100 PERCENT) YOKOHAMA INT'L (COED) (EXCLUDED FROM PERCENTAGE CALCULATION) STATE 0 2

SIAIE 0 2

ITEM 4 - TRANSPORTION FIGURES QUOTED WERE VERIFIED BY B&F AT TIME OF SUBMISSION IN EMBTEL AND ARE STILL CURRENT.

ITEM 5 - IT IS NOT FEASIBLE FOR THE FEW CHILDREN USING BUS/ASIJ TO USE THE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERTAKE THE LONG JOURNEY (70-90 MINUTE EACH WAY) UNCLASSIFIED

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INVOLVING TRAIN CHANGES, AND REASONABLY LONG WALKS TO/FROM THE STATIONS BETWEEN HOME AND ASIJ. FURTHER, THEY DO NOT LIVE NEAR OLDER CHILDREN ATTENDING ASIJ WITH WHOM THEY COULD TRAVEL.

ITEM 6 - RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IS NOT MANDATORY AT THE RELIGIOUS SPONSORED S HOOLS IN TOKYO.

THE FOREGOING ENROLLMENT INFORMATION OF DEPENDENTS ATTENDING

SCHOOLS IN TOKYO REFLECTS THAT OUT OF A TOTAL OF 109 IN PRIMARY GRADE, 30 ATTEND ASIJ (27 PERCENT) AND OF 50 IN SECONDARY GRADES, 31 ATTEND ASIJ (62 PERCENT). IN OTHER TO PROVIDE PARENTS WITH SUFFICIENT ALLOWANCE TO DEFRAY ASIJ EXPENSES, THE EMBASSY URGES THE DEPARTMENT ONCE AGAIN TO RECONSIDER THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING EDUCATION ALLOWANCES FOR TOKYO TO HAVE THEM BASED ON ALLOWABLE COSTS OF SCHOOLS ACTUALLY ATTENDED. HODGSON

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